

Milwaukee County

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COMMITTEE APPROVES INTERFAITH CHAPEL AT MITCHELL AIRPORT

Milwaukee, WI – The County Board's Committee on Transportation, Public Works & Transit unanimously voted this morning to approve the development of an interfaith chapel and meditation room at General Mitchell International Airport.

Residents speaking in favor of the resolution included chapel organizer Suzanne McKinney who has been the driving force behind the planning of the chapel for over five years. Pending approval from the full County Board, the chapel will be located in the lobby area of the main airport parking structure, immediately adjacent to the sailboat art display.

"Many travelers saw the steeple of St. Stephen's just south of the Airport and, according to the pastor, the travelers often stopped, particularly those traveling for funerals," Supervisor Jursik told the Committee. "Now that St. Stephen's has relocated, it's important to provide a non-denominational space at our Airport."

"I'm pleased we are able to provide this option at Mitchell," said Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairman of the Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee. "Not only will the chapel give travelers a place to worship and meditate, it will hopefully make their traveling experience a little more relaxing as well."

The full County Board will take up the resolution at a meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2011.



(Chapel supporters, including organizer Suzanne McKinney (center, in green) were greeted by Sup. Jursik following testimony)